

REMARKS

Claims 1-20, 24 and 35 have been previously canceled; claims 25 and 39 are currently canceled. Claims 21, 30, 34, 38 and 40 have been amended by way of this response. New claims 43 and 44 have been added. Thus, claims 21-23, 26-34, 36-38 and 40-44 are currently pending and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the amendments and the remarks.

Applicant respectfully requests the examiner to correct the attorney docket no. as indicated on the cover sheet of the instant office action. The correct attorney docket no. is 2002P13797WOUS (instead of 20002P13797WOUS).

Request for allowance:

In the instant office action (page 12), the examiner indicated that claims 25-33, 37 and 39-42 contain patentable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has rewritten claim 21 in such a manner by including the limitations of claim 24 (now canceled) into claim 21. Claims 22, 23 and 26-33 depend on allowable independent claim 21.

Applicant has rewritten claim 38 in such a manner by including the limitations of claim 39 (now canceled) into claim 38. Claims 36, 37 and 40-44 depend on allowable independent claim 38, wherein claim 40 has been amended to depend on claim 38.

Furthermore, applicant has amended independent claim 34 to include the limitations of allowable claim 21.

New Claims:

New method claims 43 and 44 being dependent on claim 38 have been added. Support for these new claims may be found for example in paragraphs [0035] and [0036] of the specification and original claims 19 and 20 of the English translation document filed with the application on Dec. 7, 2005. No new matter has been added.

Response to objections to the specification:

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it exceeds the 150 words requirement. Further, as allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's response should either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with.

Applicant has amended the title of invention, paragraphs [0006], [0007] and [0008] of the specification and the abstract of the disclosure to comply with the formal requirements and to be in accordance with the allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests the examiner to withdraw the objections to the specification.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding office action are inapplicable to the present claims. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to deposit account no. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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